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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, I was going to wait for later on to get into the philosophical discussion. But I am going to rise in support of the bill and the...what I think the necessity of having this bill for, in terms of support for the State Fair. I know this is going to be a lot of subjective, and I'm very concerned about the future of the State Fair. But one of the things, it says \$75,000 for the Endangered Species Act, \$9,000 for the campaign finance. And I would submit to you that the Endangered Species Act is probably a more comparable thought for income than the campaign finance, considering people's attitudes toward their government. I don't mean that cynically at all. It's just that I would be optimistic that there will be more money coming in to the State Fair than there probably is for the campaign finance interest. That's just realistic. But more than that, I wanted to go back, frankly, in history. I thought it was, and I looked it up in the Blue Book, and that's what I'm reading from. The first State Fair in Nebraska goes back to 1859. That's before Nebraska became a state. That's before we did the University of Nebraska. I can't remember offhand...I should look it up, when Peru was started, but it's in that time frame too. So the State Fair was important to early Nebraskans. Now, what its importance is to Nebraskans today is obviously subject to discussion. To me, it's still important to a vast majority of Nebraskans. That...you can disagree with that. I don't know that answer objectively. But subjectively, I believe the Nebraska State Fair is still very, very important to many Nebraskans, if not a majority, and if not more than that, even though I know some have never attended the Nebraska State Fair. This is an opportunity to let the Nebraska State Fair help itself. That's the bottom line. And we're going to have a major, I would guess, discussion on the financing of the Nebraska State Fair come budget time, because we did put some money in the last few years, in recent years, for ribbons for open class, and 4-H, and FFA. I have found out that there's a real...a problem with that, with many of you, in supporting the Nebraska State Fair, even to that extent. And I don't have the file up here about what other states do. But Nebraska's support for the Nebraska State Fair has been less...not very good in the last many years, partly because it depended on racetrack, the Ak-Sar-Ben racetrack, for many, many